

In the Claims

Claims 1-35 (withdrawn)

36. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising:

a synthetic organic polymer matrix having covalently bound ~~or complexed thereto~~
at least one a-contact-killing, non leaching, charged antimicrobial side chain such that
the synthetic organic polymer matrix does not release biocidal amounts of elutables into
the surrounding environment.

C1 37. (Previously Added) The composition of claim 36 wherein said synthetic organic
polymer matrix is selected from the group consisting of polyamide, polyethylene, polyvi-
nylidene chloride, polyvinyl chloride, polyvinylidene, polypropylene, polyethylene
terephthalate, polyethylene terephthalate (glycol modified), and polycarbonate.

38. (Previously Added) The composition of claim 36 wherein said synthetic organic
polymer matrix is a straight chain polymer.

39. (Previously Added) The composition of claim 36 wherein said antimicrobial
side chain is selected from the group consisting of ~~benzalkonium halide compounds,~~
quaternary ammonium salts, pyridinium salts, phosphonium salts, and combinations
thereof.

40. (Previously Added) The composition of claim 36 wherein said antimicrobial
side chain is positively charged.

C2 41. (New) The composition of claim 36 wherein said antimicrobial side chain
is at least one benzalkonium halide compound.

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42. (New) The composition of claim 39 wherein said antimicrobial side chain is at least one benzalkonium halide compound.
